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SUBJECT: NATO NORDIC PRIME MINISTERS MEETING WITH PORTUGUESE
PRIME MINISTER

1. THE MAY 30(DANISH PRESS GAVE CONSIDERABLE COVERAGE TO A
MEETING MAY 29 IN BRUSSELS BETWEEN THE DANISH AND NORWEGIAN
PRIME MINISTERS (AND THEIR FOREIGN MINISTERS) AND PORTUGUESE
PREMIER GONCALVES AND VICE ADMIRAL COUTINHO. JORGENSEN IS
REPORTED TO HAVE ALSO WANTED DUTCH PRIMINISTER DEN UYL

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INCLUDED IN THE MEETING SO THAT ALL THREE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC

LEADERS COULD HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT OF MARIO SOARES.

2. THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC DAILY AKTUELT REPORTED THAT THE TWO SCANDAVIAN PRIME MINISTERS RECEIVED A "COLD SHOLDER" FROM GONCALVES AND COUTINHO. (THE LATTER IS KNOWN AS THE "PORTUGUESE LENIN", THE PAPER CONFIDED.) ACCORDING TO AKTUELT, THE PORTUGUESE HAD PLANNED THE MEETING IN SUCH A WAY THAT THERE WAS NO TIME FOR EMBARRASSING QUESTIONS. FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR, THEY ELABORATED ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PORTUGUESE DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION FOLLOWING THE REVOLUTION. PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN REPORTEDLY DESCRIBED THE ACCOUNT AS A "LONG AND NOT ESPECIALLY PRECISE STATEMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGAL AND THE DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED THERE AFTER 50 YEARS OF FASCIEST RULE."

3. JORGENSEN IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT "GONCAVLVES ASSURED US THAT PORTUGAL INTENDS TO REMAIN A MEMBER OF NATO BECAUSE SHE DID NOT WISH TO ROCK THE BALANCE OF POWER IN EUROPE. WE WERE TOLD THAT PORTUGAL HAD NO INTENTION OF BECOMING THE TROJAN HORSE IN NATO." THE SCANDINAVIANS ALSO GATHERED THAT, IN PRINCIPLE, GONCALVES WOULD NOT OPPOSE A FREE AND DEMOCRATIC PORTUGAL WITH A MULTIPLICITY OF POLITICAL PARTIES.

4. JORGENSEN CONTINUED, "WE, ON OUR SIDE, STRESSED THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM WITH SOCIAL GOALS AND COULD NOT ACCEPT GONCALVES' ADVICE TO PAY A 'LITTLE LESS HEED' TO SOARES."

5. IN REPLY TO A REPORTER'S QUESTION WHETHER JORGENSEN AGREED WITH PRESIDENT FORD THAT IT WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO MAINTAIN A NON-DEMOCRATIC, COMMUNIST PORTUGAL IN NATO, JORGENSEN SAID, "HAVING NON-DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES IN NATO ALWAYS PROVIDES GROUND FOR CONCERN WHETHER DICTATORSHIP IS RIGHT OR LEFT-WING ORIENTED."

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